Departments having as a matter of fact booked excess areas in almost every case of Minor Inam, it would follow that in every one of these cases there has been encroachment on Government land adjoining the lands originally granted as Inam. Is this likely? Evidently not and therefore an inquiry on the subject is desirable. Besides booking excess areas, the Inam Department have also resumed what used to be previously distinguished in the accounts and allowed for as "Nashta" ("loss") from "Sagoo" (cultivation). Where areas in occupation and enjoyment were less than the recorded areas, the difference has not been made good. This is unjust and one-sided and calls for redress.

Dewan's reply.—The rules are clear and based on equitable principles. If they have wrought injustice in any case, it probably is a consequence of a misapplication of the rules. Represent in detail by petition a few typical cases on which the complaint is based.

Subject No. 137.

Timber for construction of houses by nonresident agriculturists.

Summary of discussion.—We hear that an order has been recently issued by the Depnty Commissioner not to grant wood on favorable terms to raiyats holding lands in villages but residing at the Head-quarters of Taluks. This should be withdrawn.

Note.—The Deputy Commissioner explained that he understood the representation to refer to the existing practice of raiyats who hold lands in villages obtaining bamboo and timber in order to repair or construct houses in Municipal towns where they live, and added that the point appears to have been once before raised and has to be considered after the necessary information is received. No interdictory order, he added, had been issued as stated in the representation. He understood that Notification No. 148, dated 26th October 1888, did not contemplate the allowance of bamboo or timber for the construction of large and valuable houses in Municipal towns. Amildars in Taluks, except Honnali and Channagiri, appear to have freely issued licenses to the towns-people under the Notification.

Dewan's reply.—The Inspector General of Forests will be asked to investigate and report upon this point.

Subject No. 138.

Ten feet margin behind Malnad Tanks.

Summary of discussion.—The order directing that a margin of 10 feet of land below tanks should be left unploughed should not be extended to this (the Tirthahalli) Taluk, as most of the tanks in the Taluk are very small and mere hondas constructed and kept up by raiyats themselves. The case of these so called tanks is quite different from tanks in the Maidan.

Dewan's reply.—It is understood that orders on this point were recently issued in the Public Works Department. The subject will be looked into and needful orders given.